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Shaw Suit Against DA Set for Trial

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Trial of a \$7 million damage suit brought by Clay L. Shaw against Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison and others has been set for June 18 by U.S. District Court Judge Frederick J. R. Heebe.

Shaw, a New Orleans businessman, was acquitted on charges of conspiring to assassinate President Kennedy. His suit names as co-defendants Joseph M. Rault Jr., Cecil M. Shilstone and Willard Robertson, members of "Truth and Consequences."

The organization gave financial support to Garrison's investigation of the Kennedy assassination.

Other defendants are Perry Raymond Russo, chief witness at the Shaw trial, and Dr. Esmond A. Fatter, who allegedly put Russo into an hallucinatory trance in order to elicit testimony implicating Shaw in the death.

The suit charges Shaw's constitutional rights were violated as a result of a conspiracy between the defendants.